

Concordia Stingers



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Granato, Thomas named Athletes of the Year

Emerson Thomas, a fifth-year guard with the Concordia Stingers men's basketball team and Cammi Granato, a high-scoring centre with the women's hockey team, were named Concordia University's Athletes of the Year at an awards banquet held at Buffet Crystal in St. Laurent.

Thomas was recently described by a teammate as a Concordia legend. This is a notion that has taken on a whole new dimension this season. Thomas led the Stingers and the Quebec Student Sports Federation conference in scoring. He was unanimously voted the QSSF MVP. He was named to the second All-Canadian team.

At the national championship tournament in Halifax in March, he was named game MVP in the Stingers match versus the No. 2 ranked University of Victoria Vikings. At the end of the season the honors continued to roll in. He was named the Quebec nominee for the Howard Mackie Award, which is presented annually to the Outstanding Athlete in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union.

Granato has proven time and again why she is considered one of the top five women's hockey players in the world. This year, she led the Stingers in scoring and elevated the team's level of play at every practice and game. She was a force in every game and tournament. She brought a lot of positive publicity to Concordia University and handled every interview with grace and confidence. Her brightest moment came at Concordia's prestigious Theresa Humes Invitational Women's Hockey Tournament. The Stingers won the tournament, she was named MVP and she had a television crew following her for two days.

Other major award winners include: Mark Montreuil, football, Fittest Male Athlete; Karyn Bye, women's hockey, Fittest Female Athlete; Luc Pelland, football, Ron Lapointe Award for leadership, dedication and commitment to excellence; Laura Morrison, women's rugby, Denise Beaudet Award for leadership, unselfishness and commitment to excellence; Christian Dutil, men's hockey, Male Rookie of the Year; Kari Colpitts, women's hockey, Laurie Brodrick Award to Female Rookie of the Year.

The Concordia-McGill Media Award was presented to Terry Haig of Newswatch Sports. Directors Shields were given to Donna Dalton and Doug Glazer, both students, who have made outstanding contributions to the Department of Recreation and Athletics. Also, Merit Awards were presented to Cassandra Bardo, volleyball; Martine Bérubé, women's hockey; Martin Laperrière, skiing; Daniel Picard, men's hockey; Gaetan Prosper, men's basketball; Leigh Jason Quilliams, Skiing; Jean Pierre Reimer, men's basketball; and Sharon Sandy, women's basketball.

The Male and Female Academic Athlete of the Year Awards went to Jason Della Rocca, an accounting student who plays rugby and wrestles, and Tanya Van Blokland, a member of the women's soccer team

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